

**Senate File 2206 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the designation of an assistant citizens'  
2 aide for children and families.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   **2C.6A Assistant for children and**  
2 **families.**

3     The citizens' aide shall designate one or more assistants  
4 to respond to complaints involving children and families. The  
5 duties assigned may include but are not limited to all of the  
6 following:

7     1. Responding to complaints from citizens and families  
8 relating to government services for children and families  
9 such as child protective services, foster care, adoption, and  
10 juvenile justice services.

11    2. Performing a system accountability role by recommending  
12 overall system improvements to benefit children and families.

13    3. Acting to protect the interests and rights of children  
14 and families, both in individual cases and in effects caused by  
15 aspects of the overall system.

16    4. Monitoring programs, placements, and agencies receiving  
17 public funding for providing children and family services.

18                                   EXPLANATION

19    This bill directs the citizens' aide to designate one or  
20 more assistants to respond to complaints involving children  
21 and families. The duties assigned may include responding  
22 to complaints relating to government services, recommending  
23 system improvements, acting to protect interests and rights in  
24 individual cases, and monitoring those receiving public funding  
25 for providing children and family services.